

# Dennis Hastert

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## Generally Accepted Facts from [Wikipedia](#)

John Dennis "Denny" Hastert (born January 2, 1942) is an American politician who served as the the 51st Speaker of the United States House of Representatives from 1999 to 2007, representing [Illinois](#)'s 14th congressional district from 1987 to 2007. He is an admitted serial child molester.[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#) He represented Illinois's 14th congressional district in the House for twenty years, 1987 to 2007. He is the longest-serving Republican Speaker of the House in history. In 2015, Hastert pleaded guilty to federal criminal charges of structuring financial transactions to conceal payments to a man whom he had sexually abused decades earlier, when Hastert worked as a high school wrestling coach. In 2016, Hastert admitted that he had molested boys, but he could not be criminally charged for these acts due to the statute of limitations expiring.

## Wikileaks Emails

From Jake Siewert to John Podesta on May 28th, 2015:[4]

Might be time for Denny to vanish to an undisclosed Japanese island.

This was in response to the publishing of an article by Politico about an FBI investigation into Hastert.

## Relationship to #Pizzagate

### Connection to Tony Podesta

Hastert and [Tony Podesta](#) have been friends for many years.[\[5\]](#) Based on a email in the Podesta Wikileaks, it is clear Tony Podesta and Dennis Hastert have stayed in contact "all these years."[\[6\]](#)[\[Archived Version\]](#) To a lesser degree, Hastert also seems to be friends with [John Podesta](#), campaign manager for [Hillary Clinton](#) and Tony Podesta's brother, since John Podesta was also included in the same email conversations.



Dennis Hastert and Mark Foley (and others)[\[1\]](#)

### Connection to Representative Mark Foley

Hastert, who himself would be later revealed to have molested boys, allegedly acted to protect Representative [Mark Foley](#) in regard to Foley's activities involving underage boys, including the sending of illicit emails.

From Wikipedia:[\[7\]](#)

Dennis Hastert claimed at first that he had learned of the e-mails only when the news broke on September 29, 2006 and repeated this declaration on October 5. Two other top leaders in the House, Boehner and Reynolds, however, have stated that they told Hastert about the Foley emails in the spring of 2006. Boehner added that Hastert replied that the complaint "had been taken care of", and confirmed his account under oath before the House Ethics Committee. A September 30 statement by the Speaker's office said that Hastert did not "explicitly recall" the conversation with Reynolds but "has no reason to dispute" it.

Hastert's office concedes, in its own chronology, that his top staffers Mike Stokke (deputy chief of staff), Ted Van Der Meid (legal counsel) and a lower placed assistant named Tim Kennedy were told about the Foley emails by Rep. Alexander's chief of staff in November 2005. They deny that Scott Palmer knew about the emails until they were made public, though. Hastert is unusually close to his top staffers; he lives with Palmer and Stokke, who have worked for him for decades, and they commute back to Illinois together on weekends.

Fordham, who had been Foley's chief of staff until January 2004, and chief of staff to Congressman Reynolds from 2005 until he resigned on October 4, 2006, said that he told Scott Palmer about Foley's interest in pages in 2003, that Palmer met with Foley, and that Hastert knew about the meeting. Palmer replied that "What Kirk Fordham said did not happen", but on October 6 a second congressional staffer corroborated Fordham's account, claiming that a 2003 meeting took place between Palmer and Foley specifically to discuss complaints about his behavior towards pages.

At an October 2 press conference, Hastert called the IMs "vile and repulsive." He also said that had Foley not resigned, he would have demanded his expulsion from the House. He also condemned Foley for misleading him, Shimkus and the organizations with whom he'd worked to strengthen laws against exploiting children. Hastert requested a criminal investigation of the explicit IMs, but not of the earlier, less explicit e-mails exchanged between Foley and the page sponsored by Alexander. The following day, on The Rush Limbaugh Show Hastert claimed that leadership "took care of Mr. Foley. We found out about it and asked him to resign. He did resign."

On October 3, the Washington Times called for Hastert's resignation as Speaker over his handling of the scandal. Prominent conservatives also have called for Hastert's resignation, such as David Bossie, president of Citizens United; conservative columnist Richard Vigerie; and conservative columnist Michael Reagan, son of former President Ronald Reagan. Hastert has rebuffed these calls to resign, arguing he did nothing wrong and is committed to investigating the scandal and leading Congress. Boehner also defended Hastert in a letter to the editor of

Washington Times. A conference call on October 2 with about 100 House Republicans had no calls for a resignation.

On October 5, Hastert accepted responsibility for the scandal but refused to step down. He said, "I haven't done anything wrong" and reaffirmed that he had only recently learned about any problems involving Foley and the pages: "I learned of this last Friday... I don't know who knew what or when – that's why we've asked for an investigation."

Additional Source: The Chicago Tribune, *Dennis Hastert's indictment resurrects Foley scandal*, by Katherine Skiba, published on June 5th, 2015:[\[8\]](#)[\[Archived Version\]](#)

## Articles about Dennis Hastert

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- 27April2016 [\[9\]](#) - Dennis Hastert Sentenced to 15 Months, and Apologizes for Sex Abuse
- 13Oct2015 [\[10\]](#) - (CorbettReport) The REAL Hastert Scandal: Pedophilia, Drug Money and Blackmail
- 28Dec2016 [\[11\]](#) - Former House Speaker Sentenced to Prison for Covering Up His 'Serial Child Molestation' -- Pedophilia

## In Media

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Boiling Frogs Post, *BFP Roundtable: Pedophiles Run the Government & No One Gives a Damn!*, published on October 22nd, 2015:[\[12\]](#)

## See Also

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- [Illinois](#)
- compilation resource [\[13\]](#)